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IN THE CLAIMS

*The status of the claims as presently amended is as follows (with the changes identified):*

1. *(Currently Amended)* An image processing apparatus comprising:
  - display means for displaying an image synthesized from a plurality of images;
  - display control means for automatically controlling said display means to display at least one joint portion of the images on said display means ~~in a specifiable manner~~;
  - designation means for designating the at least one joint portion of said synthesized image displayed on said display means; and
  - correction means for correcting the designated joint portion of the synthesized image.
2. *(Previously Amended)* An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said correction means corrects said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images at the designated joint portion.
3. *(Previously Amended)* An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising input means for inputting relative positions of images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said correction means correcting said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of the images to be joined together based on the input relative positions.
4. *(Original)* An image processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said input means has an image moving function of individually moving said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion on said display means, said input means inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by moving and superimposing said images using said image moving function.
5. *(Original)* An image processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said input means has a corresponding position inputting function of inputting respective corresponding positions for said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said input means inputting said

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relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by inputting said corresponding positions for said images using said corresponding position inputting function.

6. (*Original*) An image processing apparatus according to claim 3, wherein said input means has a first relative position inputting function of inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by individually moving and superimposing said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion on said display means, and a second relative position inputting function of designating relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by designating respective superimposing positions for said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said input means including means for selecting between said first relative position inputting function and said second relative position inputting function as desired.

7. (*Canceled*)

8. (*Previously Amended*) An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said display control means controls said display means such that at least one of frames enclosing a corresponding joint portion of said synthesized images is displayed on said display means in superposition upon said synthesized image.

9. (*Previously Amended*) An image processing apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising operation aid means for displaying at least one of a written instruction and an animation explaining an operating method concerning correction of said synthesized image on said display means, when said designated joint portion of said synthesized image is corrected by said correction means.

10. (*Currently Amended*) An image processing method comprising the steps of:

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displaying an image synthesized from a plurality of images on display means;  
controlling automatically said display means to display at least one joint portion of the images on said display means ~~in a specifiable manner~~;  
designating the at least one joint portion of said synthesized image displayed on said display means;  
correcting the designated joint portion of the synthesized image.

11. *(Previously Amended)* An image processing method according to claim 10, wherein said correction step comprises correcting said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images at the designated joint portion.

12. *(Previously Amended)* An image processing method according to claim 10, further comprising an input step of inputting relative positions of images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said correction step correcting said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of the images to be joined together based on the input relative positions.

13. *(Original)* An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein said input step comprises inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by individually moving said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion on said display means and superimposing said images.

14. *(Original)* An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein said input step comprises inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by inputting respective corresponding positions for said images.

15. *(Original)* An image processing method according to claim 12, wherein said input step includes a selection step of selecting a first relative position inputting function of inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by

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individually moving and superimposing said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion on said display means, or a second relative position inputting function of designating relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by designating respective superimposing positions for said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said input step inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion using the selected relative position inputting function,

16. *(Canceled)*

17. *(Previously Amended)* An image processing method according to claim 10, wherein said display control step comprises controlling said display means such that at least one of frames enclosing a corresponding joint portion of said synthesized images is displayed on said display means in superposition upon said synthesized image.

18. *(Previously Amended)* An image processing method according to claim 10, further comprising an operation aid step of displaying at least one of a written instruction and an animation explaining an operating method concerning correction of said synthesized image on said display means, when said designated joint portion of said synthesized image is corrected by said correction step.

19. *(Currently amended)* A machine readable storage medium storing a program for constructing an image processing system, said program comprising:

a synthesized image control module for displaying an image synthesized from a plurality of images on display means and for controlling said display means ~~such that to display~~ at least one joint portion of said images ~~is displayed on said display means in a specifiable manner;~~

a designation module for designating the at least one joint portion of said synthesized image displayed on said display means; and

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a correction module for correcting the designated joint portion of the synthesized image.

20. *(Previously Amended)* A machine readable storage medium according to claim 19, wherein said correction module corrects said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of images at the designated joint portion.

21. *(Previously Amended)* A machine readable storage medium according to claim 19, further including an input module for inputting relative positions of images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said correction module correcting said synthesized image by carrying out resynthesis of the images to be joined together based on the input relative positions.

22. *(Original)* A machine readable storage medium according to claim 21, wherein said input module has an image moving function of individually moving said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion on said display means, said input module inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by moving and superimposing said images using said image moving function.

23. *(Original)* A machine readable storage medium according to claim 21, wherein said input module has a corresponding position inputting function of inputting respective corresponding positions for said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion, said input module inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by inputting said corresponding positions for said images using said corresponding position inputting function.

24. *(Original)* A machine readable storage medium according to claim 21, wherein said input module selects and executes a function from a first relative position inputting function of inputting said relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by individually moving and superimposing said images to be joined together at said

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designated joint portion on said display means, and a second relative position inputting function of designating relative positions of said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion by designating respective superimposing positions for said images to be joined together at said designated joint portion.

25. *(Canceled)*

26. *(Previously Amended)* A machine readable storage medium according to claim 19, wherein said synthesized image control module controls said display means such that at least one of frames enclosing a corresponding joint portion of said synthesized images is displayed on said display means in superposition upon said synthesized image.

27. *(Previously Amended)* A machine readable storage medium according to claim 19, further including an operation aid module for displaying at least one of a written instruction and an animation explaining an operating method concerning correction of said synthesized image on said display means, when said designated joint portion of said synthesized image is corrected by said correction module.

28. *(Currently Amended)* An image processing apparatus comprising:

display control means for displaying an image synthesized from a plurality of images on a display and for displaying at least one joint portion of the images on said display in a specifiable manner;

designation means for designating the at least one joint portion of said synthesized image displayed on said display; and

correction means for correcting the joint portion of the synthesized image designated by said designation means.